Abstract

The master thesis deals with the cult of St. Martin of Tours in pre-Hussite Bohemia. The cult of St. Martin established itself in Tours in the second half of the 5th century, became the main Frankish saint during the 6th century, and maintained its position as one of the most important patrons of the kingdom during the reign of the Carolingians, from where veneration of him spread throughout Europe. After the cult of Martin came to Bohemia indirectly before the influence of the Archbishopric of Mainz probably during the reign of Vratislav II, he became one of the most important saints after the middle of the 12th century. The aim of the study is to present an analysis of the spread and manifestations of the cult of St. Martin in pre-Hussite Bohemia and to describe the influences that contributed to this process. The work is based on both historical analysis of sources and interdisciplinary research, which illustrates the overall picture of the cult.

Keywords

Saint Martin of Tours, cult, Sulpicius Severus, hagiography, Prague diocese, patrocinium